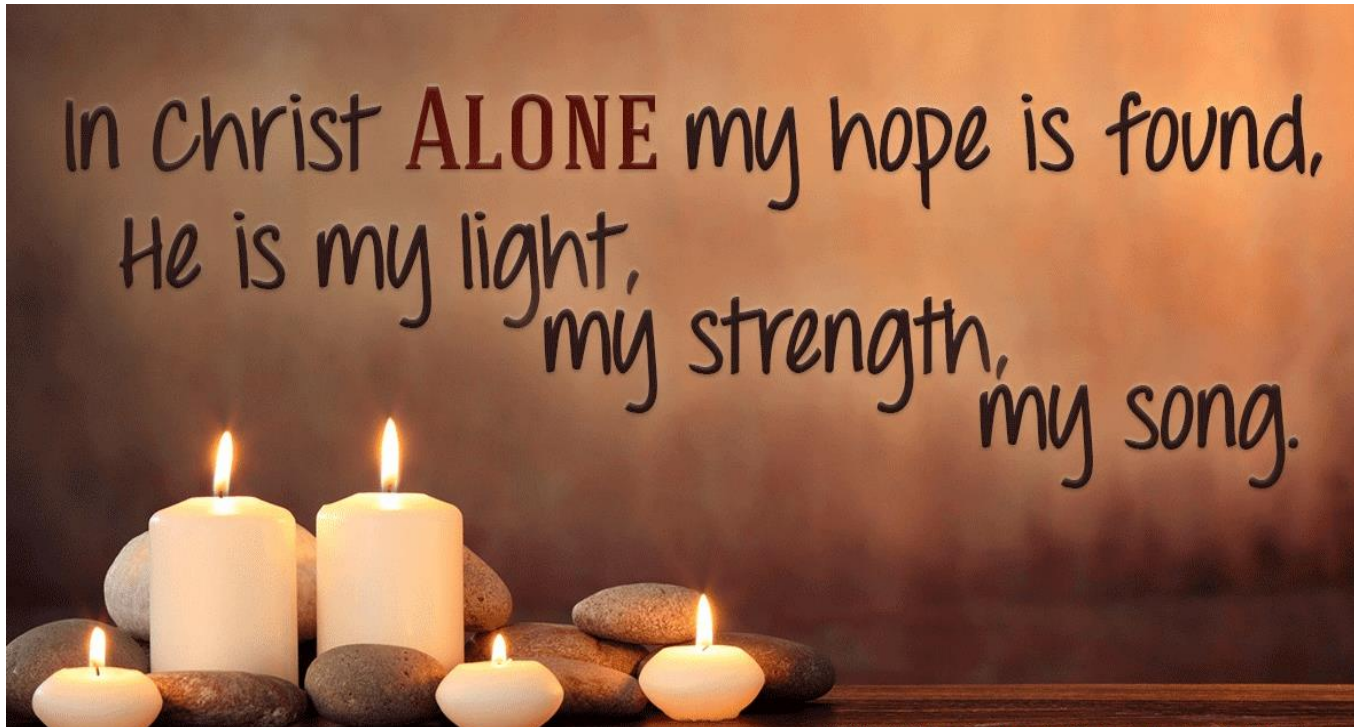




Cornerstone



In this quarter's church magazine several famous people receive mention. In the first article, on **P2, Dominic Cummings**, and his arguments with a poorly performing Conservative Government, are considered by our minister who also reports that ,despite these disappointing disputes, excellent progress is being made through effective and efficient use of the COVID – 19 vaccine. Gradually we are returning to normality and helpful action from the church is also worth note.

On **P3**, Harry Webster reminds us of **Harry Lauder's** funeral. What a big day that was for Cadzow Church in 1921. We don't often get crowds like that outside in Woodside Walk!

Robin McLean and son David were other Cadzow members who were recently concerned with the famous and on **P5**, Robin can be seen talking to **Prince William**. The Prince seemed to take to David and spent longer talking to him than to his dad! The McLeans also have leading roles in the excellent project "Cadzow Conversations" on **p4**.

In Poet's Corner on **p6** I am again grateful to Evelyn Henwood , for sending in two lovely poems. I don't know where she finds them! Finally, a great big thanks to Elizabeth Batty for sending in **P7 "Life Is"** by **Mother Teresa**. This poem is so deceptive in its simplicity.

Editor

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A message from the Minister

Good News From Dominic Cummings

There are moments in a nation's history that mark transition points, times when inside revelations strain the relationship between a nation and its governors. Last week, one of those moments occurred when I listened to Dominic Cummings positively excoriate his former political cohorts and lament their failed leadership through the months of the pandemic. Especially at the beginning, but no less so in the latter months, our Prime Minister and his Cabinet treated the pandemic variously as a non-threat, a scare tactic and political football that no one wanted to touch. Dithering, doubting and outright obfuscation seems to have been the order of the day as the United Kingdom was caught, pants down, by a virus that has now ruined any semblance of ourselves as an exceptional nation.

What can say about this? Is there any good news in the mess we've created, even as it unfolds daily in the nation's newspapers? Yes, but only if we pay attention to the now patently obvious problems. Jesus had an ongoing argument with the religious leaders of his day who routinely criticised his social intercourse with "tax collectors and sinners." To be fair, their arguments were not entirely unjustifiable. They believed that Israel was a separate and favoured nation and that pleasing God was dependent on their rigorous observation of the Law and the scrupulous maintenance of the lines separating themselves, as representatives of Israel, from those whose lives and behaviours precluded their participation in that godly favour. They were trying to do right; they were just doing it in the wrong way.

But when they criticised Jesus he simply answered, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners," (Mark 2:17).

In other words, it's only people who know they have a problem who can take steps to find a solution. I believe that good can come out of all the bad we've experienced, but only if we are willing to admit that we share the blame for the horrors of the last 15 months. Our governors certainly have a lot to answer for, but it is all of us. Our society is unwell and is in need of salvation, but will we take the medicine offered by the Great Physician?

The good news is that the Church has responded well through these last months by caring for the needy, welcoming the vulnerable and the stranger, leading by example and providing all kinds of support to our communities. Cadzow is also doing our bit by collecting food, clothing and toys for the vulnerable in Hamilton. Your donations have been a godsend, but there is so much more we could do. The question is what?

In the coming months we have the chance to rethink our priorities as a church and to engage in helping solve a lot of the problems that have become painfully evident over the last year. Watch this space, or better yet, get in touch with me to talk about some of the things that you've seen over the last year that have moved you to take action.

News from the Manse

Just to share some exciting news with you is that I have been invited to teach a Masters level module on Liturgy and Mission at the Scottish Episcopal Institute! Teaching is something I have long wanted to pursue as part of my ministry, and I undertook my doctoral studies with that aim. It was pure Providence that I spoke to a friend at the Institute to ask how I might explore that avenue, when two days later I received an invitation from the Director of Studies to offer me this opportunity. The reading I have been doing over the last month has already given me a number of exciting ideas to pursue not only in the classroom, but in my ongoing ministry at Cadzow. As usual, I've got more than I know what to do with, so get ready to get back to work as we move forward, hopefully with the coronavirus rear-view mirror.



Memories of Harry Lauder's Funeral

Harry Webster



In the 11 May 2021 edition of the Herald, there was a yesterday photograph taken at the grave side of the funeral of Harry Lauder on 2 March 1950 in the Bent Cemetery. The description with the photograph gives an account of the funeral held at Cadzow with some details not included in the archives of Cadzow. The account mentions the service was conducted by the “blind minister” the Rev. T.F. Harkness Graham who was the minister of Cadzow.

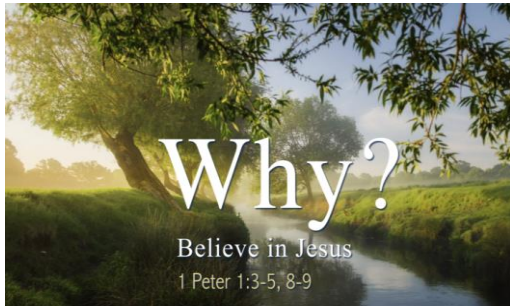
Harry Lauder's international fame was emphasised by the wreaths from notable persons and organisations at this time such as Winston Churchill, the Duke of Hamilton, colleagues from the world of entertainment, and public bodies which along with the wreaths from relatives and, as the photograph below shows, some of the six cars required 6 cars to carry them all in the funeral cortege from the church

To attend the service in Cadzow a ticket was required although there were some unreserved pews, which apparently were fully occupied half an hour before the service began.

The Herald account says the principal pall bearer was Lauder's niece Greta. I think this lady was Greta Fraser, a member of Cadzow, who sat near me in the sanctuary for many years and often spoke about her Uncle Harry. She gifted a stained-glass window of the “Nativity” in the Autumn 1984 in memory of the Fraser family and is one of the windows underneath the balcony facing the pulpit. Thus, it will be a tangible connection to Harry Lauder.

I have included a cutting of the Herald's article in the archives, and it will be a useful augmentation to the information on the Lauders.





Cadzow Conversations

Who are you talking to?

Robin McLean

Workshop Team Leader

“Hello and welcome to the first of our weekly Cadzow Conversations” and with these words one of the Worship Teams most popular new initiatives was launched to the world. If you have not yet seen any of our weekly videos, the good news is they are still available for you to binge watch on both the Cadzow Church Facebook page and also on our YouTube channel, these are a series of short devotions prepared by members of our congregation, talking about aspects of their life in the church and about their faith. They give an interesting insight to people we know

Cadzow Conversations came about due to the success of the Christmas Advent Calendar, which was very well received, and a desire to offer more than just our weekly service. John was keen to have a mid-week devotion but we wanted it to be more about the people of our church – trying to make it a bit different to other churches online offerings. We also didn’t want to increase John’s work load.

The idea itself is very simple – ask people in the church to talk about their faith, discuss what influences there have been in their lives and where God has taken them. And to date we have received some wonderful testimonies – many of them from people who you would not normally hear talk about such matters. It has been uplifting to hear Stewart talk about missing being part of a crowd, Carolyn tell us about experiences working with children, Eddie and Alex talking about the importance of music, Moira sharing the joys of her garden, Patricia on her experience as an Elder and of course Hammy’s wonderful pictures of Africa – to highlight just a few. We also decided to offer a special series of Conversations during Holy week where we had some great dramatic performances from Alan and Carolyn and Alex and Robin and the Easter story told in cookies from Jackie. Alistair and John have shared their thoughts with us on several occasions. It is a true team effort

But these things don’t happen themselves. The people delivering these have to decide what they want to talk about, write this, look out any pictures they want included and write a prayer. This is before the actual recording. And this is where the unsung hero of both Cadzow Conversations and the Advent calendar comes in – Alex. Most of the episodes have been recorded by him over Zoom and then edited into a usable format. He has played the introductions and every Wednesday without fail has ensured that the Conversations have gone out on Facebook and YouTube. The only week he asked someone else to do it was the week we had technical issues!

Cadzow Conversations has become an integral part of our worship at Cadzow at the time of writing they videos have been viewed over 5500 times between Facebook and YouTube which is far beyond our expectations and have been viewed and shared in America, Germany, Hong Kong and Airdrie and also by the Scottish Episcopal Cathedral in Dunfermline. If you have not seen them yet what are you waiting for – if you have been watching thank you very much, we hope you enjoyed them and stay tuned as we have some weel kent faces coming soon.

Boys' Brigade meet Prince William

Robin McLean



Every year the Boys' Brigade are invited to mount a guard of Honour for the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Normally this is done at St Giles and has around 80- 100 participants. We were not expecting to do it this year due to circumstances, however the Purse Bearer to the Lord High Commissioner was very keen to have the BB involved and they agreed to form a restricted Guard in the grounds of the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

As I have been Guard Commander for the past few years, I and my friend and colleague from 1st Bothwell, were asked to be the two officers to run the event with 13 boys. This was an honour and I jumped at the chance to accept. We deliberately picked Senior boys from Edinburgh, West Lothian and 5 from Lanarkshire (Carluke and Bothwell) to represent the BB as a whole and started to plan the event

As you can imagine – given the person involved – security was very tight Every adult accompanying one of the boys had to provide personal and vehicle details to be given access to the car park. On the day before the event we hit a problem when one of the West Lothian boys reported sick. We had to get a replacement whose parents had been vetted. This was where David came in. After a mad rush to find a shirt which fitted him David was asked to join the Guard and was by far the youngest member.

I could go into more detail but suffice to say this was an incredible experience. Prince William chatted to 6 of the boys and David was picked out by him as obviously the youngest. He probably spent more time talking to David than anyone else. Prince William now knows what we all know that David's brothers are really annoying!! I was also fortunate to spend a few moments chatting to him which you can see in the picture.

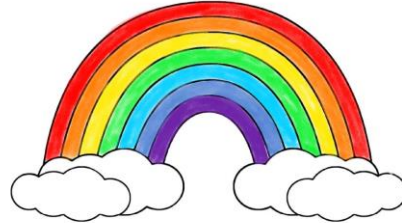


Poet's Corner

After the worry and grief of the coronavirus outbreak these two poems sent in by **Evelyn Henwood** are very appropriate. Thanks Evelyn! **Editor**

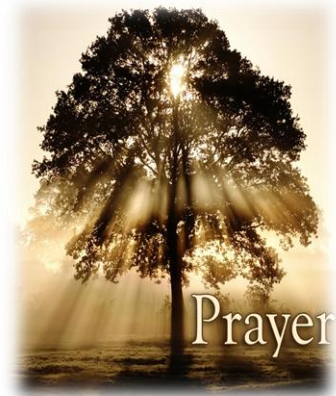
After each storm of life there's a rainbow of hope

The rainbow is God's promise
Of hope for you and me
And though the clouds hang heavy
And the sun we cannot see
We know above the dark clouds
That fill the stormy sky
Hope's rainbow will come shining through
When the clouds have drifted by



Serenity

Give me the serenity of great deep –rooted trees
Trees that stand untroubled by the little passing breeze
Give me the tranquillity of forest pools that lie
Still reflecting beauty underneath the quiet sky.
Give me such serenity, for this is all I need
In a world gone mad with fear and ignorance and greed.
Let me run away from all the turbulence and strife
Safe within the inner courts that bound my secret life.
I would be alone and I would seek out some silent solace
That from off the tablets of my heart I might erase
The ugly scars of conflict and of human argument
Touched in the knowledge of a deep and infinite content.
Get in tune with deeper things, God's laws of harmony
Then armoured and protected in your own serenity
You'll be prepared to face the world, to work and play your part
Wise with the wisdom that is gathered in your quiet heart



Life Is

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it.

Mother Teresa

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Many thanks to **Elizabeth Batty** for passing me this Inspirational poem from Mother Teresa. Each line is worthy of lengthy consideration. I was particularly taken by the line now shown below. It substantially strengthens my faith.

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***Life is a dream,
realize it.***



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